

POLICE AND NEGRO ENGAGE IN A DUEL

Van Bankhead Wounded By
Patrolman Hurley

Bullet Strikes Him in Back of Neck
and Ranges Upward—Is
Not Serious.

SHOOTING OVER HALF DOLLAR

Van Bankhead, colored, well-known in police circles, has a painful scalp wound, the result of the attack of Patrolman Aaron Hurley this morning at 11 o'clock near Eleventh and Caldwell streets. His escape from death was narrow, as was the patrolman's who shot at the negro in self-defense. Hurley was trying to catch the fleeing negro when Bankhead turned and fired once. The bullet missed and Hurley then took a shot, bringing his negro to the ground.

Patrolman Hurley was investigating a pistol shot in the vicinity of Eleventh and Caldwell streets. He met Contractor Lum Coleman and Val P. Barrick, a conductor on the Illinois Central, near that corner and was asking them about the shot. While they were talking a crowd of negroes came up. One had a bloody face. He escaped around the corner. The patrolman began questioning the others and Bankhead stepped forward to act as spokesman. Hurley arrested him, having information from others in the party that Bankhead knew something about the shot.

Bankhead tried to draw his gun, but it caught in his trousers' pocket. He then ran. Hurley fired him. In the chase the negro fired once and Hurley returned the fire. The bullet pierced Bankhead's neck, took an upward course and lodged under his scalp.

At the city hall the negro refused to permit City Physician Bass to cut out the bullet. The wound is not serious.

An examination of Bankhead's pistol was made at the hall. There were two empty cartridges. One shot was fired at the patrolman, and it is thought the other chamber was discharged at the bloody negro who escaped.

Tom Jones, another negro in the party, was arrested with Bankhead as a witness.

Shot for Fifty Cents.

In a dispute over the possession of 50 cents in a crap game Levi Trice, colored, was shot in an alley between Ninth and Tenth, Clark and Washington streets, by Ollie Catlett, colored, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. Catlett claimed that Trice robbed him of 50 cents. He became enraged and pulling his pistol began firing, two shots taking effect. The firing was heard by Patrolman Ernest Hill and Dick Wood who soon had both negroes under arrest. Trice's injuries were dressed at the city hall by City Physician Bass and he was permitted to go home. Catlett was locked up on the charge of malicious shooting with intent to kill.

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POLITICS TO BE ONLY SIDE ISSUE

Vice-President Duncan Announces His Position.

Says Original Object of Federation of Labor Was Promotion of Unionism.

WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 17. — Shortly after meeting today the American Federation of Labor convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss such subjects as might properly come before the convention. It was evident that the majority of the delegates who took part in the discussion planned to say something about the political future and the future political activity of the federation.

James Duncan, first vice-president, announced that he was prepared to take the stand that the original purpose of the federation, the advancement of trades unionism, was the first policy of the federation, and must remain so, and that politics shall be a side issue. He announced that he was prepared to take issue with those who hope to see the future political activity of the federation its main feature. Other delegates expressed different opinions.

Delegate Brown asserted that the results of recent activity had been that labor had succeeded in electing its enemies and defeating its friends. He declared that this defeat of the purpose of the recent political move was due to failure to properly organize, and that because of the failure attacks had been made on President Gompers, where as he was not personally responsible.

Mr. Brown has a resolution before the convention calling for the creating of an auxiliary political organization to carry on all political work to the end that the efforts of labor in politics may result in the election of friends of labor and the defeat of its enemies. The assignment of this resolution to its proper committee was dismissed and finally the convention was adjourned to allow all committees time for business and hearing of all who wish to be heard.

RIVER NEWS

River Stages.			
Cairo	12.0	0.0	st'd
Chattanooga	4.4	0.3	rise
Cincinnati	8.3	0.1	rise
Evansville	6.0	0.2	fall
Florence—Missing.			
Johnsonville—Missing.			
Louisville	3.4	0.3	fall
Mt. Carmel	1.0	0.0	st'd
Nashville	8.2	0.2	rise
Pittsburg	5.3	0.8	rise
Davis Island Dam—Missing.			
St. Louis	5.8	0.1	rise
Mt. Vernon	5.4	0.1	fall
Paducah	5.3	0.1	fall

Wind was the most interesting thing around the wharf last night and today. Boats up and down the rivers were delayed from having to tie up. The river fell 1 in the last 24 hours, the stage this morning being 5.3 with a rainfall of 1.20 inches up to 7 o'clock this morning, and being general, a rise now is looked for in the rivers, or at least a halt in their downward trend. Business at the wharves was quiet today.

Owing to the high wind, the Dick Fowler could not take on coal last night and was delayed a little over leaving time this morning, on the trip to Cairo. Business was fair in freight and good in passengers for the Dick Fowler.

The Charles Turner succeeded in getting off Owen's island last night and this morning started to Joppa. The wind was strong and several river men thought it was a dangerous trip to undertake.

The Dick Fowler did not arrive until 1 o'clock last night from having gotten caught on a sunken barge at Hillman's landing. It was three hours before the Dick Fowler got off, but no damage was done to the steamer.

The John Hopkins came in from Evansville at 1 o'clock last night and left this morning on the return trip. The Joe Fowler will arrive tonight and lie over till Monday.

Another shaft was added to the list yesterday when the Castalia, one of the Ayer-Lord tie boats broke its shaft while towing a barge of coal. The accident occurred near Owen's island. This year will be marked by more accidents to boats than any season in many years.

William Kelsner, of St. Louis, has taken a position as third mate on the Kentucky.

The gasoline towboat Arthur arrived from Elizabethtown yesterday. Capt. A. J. Powell is in the city on business.

The Bob Dudley will arrive from Nashville Sunday night and wait over till Monday at noon before starting for Clarksville. It is possible that the Dudley may skip the Clarksville trip regularly.

The Sallilo will arrive from St. Louis with the excursion party to Shiloh park Monday.

The Kit Carson was not taken out

on the dry docks today.
The Fred Hartweg left for Cairo today in tow by the John Moran.

Official Forecast.

The Ohio from Evansville to Cairo, very little change during the next 24 to 36 hours, with generally a falling tendency.

The Tennessee, from Florence to below Johnsonville, will rise slightly during the next 24 hours.

The Mississippi from below St. Louis to Cairo, no material change.

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